is that the demands for grants in aid for additional classes are growing every year but the funds at the disposal of Government are very limited. This is a very serious matter which engages the attention of Government. It was brought to the notice of Government that as a result of the policy followed all these years, a number of schools have been opened on the bonafide faith that grants will be given and therefore we are morally bound to give. Now we have made it perfectly clear that Government will exercise their discretion and what the Government will do in future is to forecast in advance that so much money only will be given for additional classes for next year and permission will be given only to such number of classes as will be covered by the amount that is available. That is the simple way of doing it. We are unable to meet the growing demands for additional classes. That is the real position.

Mr. P. J. Alexander *(Palliviruthy)*.—Does not that mean that all the classes opened will be aided by the Government? What is the harm in opening classes without grant being given?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Now as a matter of fact classes that have been in existence for, one educational year, do find a place in the list of aided schools. This has been the practice existing. 25 years ago, classes used to be aided from the day they were started. Unless we stop this question of automatically aiding classes additional allotments will have to be moved and passed.

Mr. P. J. Alexander (*Palliviruthy*).—The system of automatic aid is stopped already. What I want to know from the Diwan President is this. Are we to understand that only such classes should be opened as may be aided with the funds available?

Mr. President.—If you want to open a class without aid from Government there is no objection at all. That system may continue but you should not expect any grant.

Demand was put and carried.

14. Rs. 1,335 under '20—Education—6. Primary Girls—grant-in-aid'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1335 - under "20—Education—6—Primary girls—Grant-in-aid". I request that the House will be pleased to grant this.

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Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji)*.—In this connection I wish to bring to the notice of the Government one important fact. The Managers and teachers are unnecessarily put to great difficulties in not getting their ordinary grant bills passed by the Inspectors of Schools. So I request the Government to enquire into this matter and to give the necessary instructions to pass such grant bills without any delay at all. I shall cite one example where the Inspectress of Schools unnecessarily delayed passing one grant bill. The objection that she raises for not granting the bill is because she objects to the appointment of one particular teacher. The Manager has not applied for the grant of that teacher. Yet she objects the whole bill. What harm is there for her in passing that bill after deducting that amount? So I wish that such delays should not occur in future.

Demand was put and carried.

15. Rs. 1,500 under '20—Education—8. Miscellaneous—other charges'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1500 under 20 Education—8 Miscellaneous—other charges. The occasion for this additional allotment has risen because the Government have decided to assist the efforts of the citizens of the State to give a fitting demonstration to the feelings of appreciation of what English education has done to the State for the last hundred years. The first English School in Cochin was opened in 1837 and hundred years have passed. The general public, much more than the Department, is anxious that the occasion should be celebrated in a fitting manner. In making arrangements for the celebration special attention is paid to see that the major portion of the funds is being pooled to serve as the basis for the award of stipends and scholarships to school-children. Only a small proportion of the money will be utilised for the actual celebration itself. As no funds have been provided under this head at the time of framing the budget I request that the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*.—Is it a fact that the celebration has been stopped or postponed by the Central Committee?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—Sir, to this hour I am distinctly under the impression that

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